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THE GATE TO ADVANCEMENT

The men of today managing the large corporations complain that they cannot get enough men out who might reasonably aspire to be future superintendents or managers. The managers say that men with the large interests in the mechanical education not meant as young puppets apply for the chances as did years ago. Possibly the prospect of confinement with a normal long hours acts as buster, but the fact that the above and most successful mill superintendents of today put in far longer hours than their apprenticeship should serve as an argument that the pace is not killing. The large increase of spindles now being installed will give a better and more varied field in which to show natural mechanical and executive ability than has existed in past years. Viewed from the purely dollar-and-cent perspective, the picture is fully as pleasing because larger salaries are paid today for men who understand the practical features of work. In fact the field is unlimited, and the right man is paid in many instances what he asks for. Men handling the financial side of mill work frequently lament that they do not know as much as they would like to of the manufacturing end of their business. Many can be found who freely admit that they made a mistake in starting in the office instead of in the picker room. With all of this clearly in view, surely the young men waiting around waiting to be placed can do much worse than applying for a job in the gate of a mill yard.—Paul Moore, Herald.

A SADLY DEFECTIVE "TRUISM."

In two months in they have just completed a 10-month trial of the new commission system, and it so happens that they have had an honest government in that time, with the accompanying result that almost everybody in Des Moines is strong for the new system. Of course they might have had just as good government under the old system or any system, but the same degree of honesty characterized the old system. Neither men nor government can be honest or successful by system or law—in every case it finally comes to this that the success or failure of a municipal government depends entirely on the character and ability of the individuals who comprise the responsible heads, and not on the system. That is a truism that is easily self-evident—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

On the other hand, nothing is more easily self-evident than that the Inter-Ocean has discovered a fraud that is untrue. Its assumption that the only difference between the new civic rule in Des Moines and the old ward system is a game across entertained regarding the commission plan, but it is a misapprehension which is entirely inexorable as a conclusion to be drawn from such a detailed investigation of the plan as the Inter-Ocean has evidently made of the Des Moines scheme.

In the first place, the commissioners who have made the signal success of the new plan agree which the Inter-Ocean admits, are not above the practice of city officials anywhere in cities of that size, either in point of intelligence or capability. And there is no evidence to sustain the charge that they are more possessing of far greater degrees of honesty than the members of the Des Moines old city council. At least two of the men who have participated very largely in the success of the new government were men of the old system in that city, one as councilman and one as mayor. There is no reason to believe that these two men are more

honest or more capable by example than any others who were then serving the city under the old plan. Nor were they less so throughout much of the period.

The charge of being self-evident is to the editors to the "Chicago Inter-Ocean" and its supporters for certain reasons, there are two considerations which appear odd. One that has been pointed out to us all that they did not make political inroads at their time on the people themselves, and another, in work every hour of the day and over day in the year.

The second reason given for this is that they bring up now it has not increased the interest in the commission system.

The Ardmoreite would like to add that the interest in the commission system has not increased.

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